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**NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.**

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**Judge Sinclair Resigns.**—Judge G. Burnley Sinclair has sent to Governor Wm. Hodges Mann his resignation as judge of the corporation court of Charlottesville, to take effect March 31. He was elected February 4, 1908, by joint resolution of the general assembly, for the unexpired term of the late Judge George Watts Morris. It is understood that Judge Sinclair will resume the practice of law.

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**Judge Duke Appointed Commonwealth Attorney.**—The "Lynchburg News" of March 18th said: "Judge John M. White, of the Circuit Court, has appointed Richard Thomas Walker Duke, Jr., commonwealth's attorney of Albemarle county to fill out the term of the late Capt. Micajah Woods, which expires on December 31, 1911.

"Judge Duke was born in Charlottesville, August 27, 1853, the son of R. T. W. Duke, who served in the Virginia legislature and in Congress, and was a colonel in the Confederate army. In 1874 he entered the law school of the University of Virginia, where he came under the influence of the distinguished John B. Minor. For two terms he was judge of the Corporation Court of Charlottesville, resigning the office voluntarily in favor of his friend, the late George W. Morris. He has been Grand Master of Masons in Virginia; treasurer of the Miller Board of the University of Virginia; president of the city council of Charlottesville; president of the Charlottesville Ice Company; director in the Albemarle National Bank, in the Kentucky Coal Company, and in the Washington Railway and Electric Company. In 1904 he was elected president of the mother chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, located at the College of William and Mary. This is an extensive body of scholars and literary men elected solely on their merits. Judge Duke is regarded as one of the most cultivated writers and public speakers in Virginia, and has quite a reputation as a poet."